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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REFERENCES

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25X1 CB - Converted Boxcar; B - Boxcar; F - Flatcar; G - Gondola Car;

25X1 RRYM - Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. Troop trains on 25 and 26 June 1953 included:  
 a train of 43 boxcars and 2 flatcars from Brand to Insterburg on 25 June; a train of 49 boxcars and 11 flatcars from Finsterwalde to Insterburg; and two trains from an undetermined dispatching station to an undetermined destination on 26 June. All trains carried air force personnel.

2. On 16 July, a troop train of 19 boxcars and 31 flatcars from Fuerstenberg to Altglienicke was identified

3. The following troop trains

| Date in July | Composition of Troop Trains | Tons | From                | To           |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------|---------------------|--------------|
| 16           | 3 B, 24 F                   | 780  | Berlin-Schoeneweide | undetermined |
| 18           | 3 B, 13 F                   | 201  | Rathenow            | Buettstedt   |
|              | 9 B, 22 F                   | 596  | Luckenwalde         | Neustrelitz  |
|              | 7 B, 8 F                    | 202  | Velten              | Jueterbog    |
| 19           | 12 B, 18 F                  | 575  | "                   | Neubukow     |
|              | 17 B, 31 F                  | 899  | Luckenwalde         | Neustrelitz  |
|              | 22 B, 9 F                   | 749  | Neustrelitz         | Jueterbog    |
|              | 11 G                        |      |                     |              |
| 21           | 6 B, 9 F, 9 G               | 376  | Oranienburg         | Haldensleben |

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4. Troop trains identified [ ] on 18 and 19 July included:

| <u>Date in July</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u>             |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 18                  | 11 B, 38 F                         | 1,056       | Wildpark    | Altengrabow           |
|                     | 5 B, 28 F                          | 1,094       | Wildpark    | Altengrabow           |
|                     | 14 B, 34 F                         | 1,146       | Wildpark    | Altengrabow           |
|                     | 16 B, 17 F                         | 443         | Wildpark    | Altengrabow           |
|                     | 9 B, 22 F                          | 596         | Luckenwalde | Neustrelitz           |
|                     | 11 B, 29 F                         | 930         | Luckenwalde | Fuerstenberg          |
| 19                  | 22 B, 9 F                          | 749         | Neustrelitz | Justerbog-Altes Lager |
|                     | 11 G                               |             |             |                       |
|                     | 17 B, 31 F                         | 899         | Luckenwalde | Neustrelitz           |

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5. Troop trains identified [ ] on 20 and 21 July included:

| <u>Date in July</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u>             |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 20                  | 6 CB, 1 B, 2 F, 10 RRYM            | Altengrabow | Dallgow               |
| 21                  | 10 CB, 9 B, 27 F                   | Barnau      | Justerbog-Altes Lager |
|                     | undetermined number of B and F     | Oranienburg | Haldensleben          |

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6. On 18 July, a troop train of 10 boxcars with soldiers, 5 sealed boxcars, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 12 x 76-mm AA guns, and about 15 trucks [ ] was observed at the Cottbus railroad station. The train came from the direction of Goerlitz and proceeded toward an unknown direction.

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7. On 19 July, a troop train of 10 boxcars with 350 soldiers, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 x 37-mm AA guns, 10 x 85-mm AA guns and 19 trucks with billeting equipment was observed at the Cottbus railroad station. The train came from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded toward Leipzig.

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8. Comment. The troop trains belonged to the transfer movement of bomber units from East Germany to the east which was previously reported. [ ] Brest Litovsk and Kovel were receiving stations.

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Comment. An Altglienicke railroad station is unknown. The railroad station possibly was Glienicke, northwest of Wittstock. As the troop train from Fuerstenberg possibly carried an element of the 33rd Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div, an unloading station located near Wittstock is given credence the more as this area has been repeatedly used for field exercises by components of this division.

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Comment. The assembling of the troop train [redacted] at the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station on 15 July 1953 was previously reported [redacted] Although no receiving station was reported in the present report, it is believed that the train carried components of the 1st Mecz Div to Doeberitz, as the shipments of this division from Berlin also went via the Schoeneweide railroad station.

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Comment. All troop trains reported in paragraphs 3 and 4 were previously observed [redacted]

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Comment. On 20 July 1953, probably artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div returned to Doeberitz which, on 12 July 1953, moved from Doeberitz to Alten- grabow on the troop trains [redacted]

Comment. Compare with a report [redacted] on the entraining of elements of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bernau on 21 July 1953. [redacted]

Comment. Vehicle [redacted] is carried with the 7th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] possibly was mistaken, as the troop train probably carried an AAA unit of the 9th Mecz Div. As the train came from the direction of Goerlitz, it is believed that, possibly beginning mid-June 1953, the weak security forces of the division previously employed in the Goerlitz area have been reinforced.

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